

**REMARKS**

In this amendment, all the amendments made in the parent application have been included, in accordance with the request of the Examiner.

The amendment to the paragraphs beginning on pages 12 and 22 delete sequence identifiers for sequences not included in the Specification. The sequence identifiers for sequences found in the paragraphs beginning on page 22 have been renumbered to reflect these changes.

The sequence on line 7 of the paragraph beginning on page 25, line 3, has been corrected from "RGPGRRRAFNTI" to the correct sequence, --RGPGGRAFVTI--, to reflect the actual peptide epitope from the V3 loop of HIV gp120. This corrected sequence is also found at page 25, line 17, and is provided in the Takahashi *et al.*, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* 85: 3105-3109 (1988) reference, which was provided as Exhibit B in the response submitted May 30, 2006. On page 3107, column 1, lines 16-17, of this reference, a peptide sequence containing the correct sequence for SEQ ID NO:5 is found. Thus, the correction of this sequence does not introduce new matter. This corrected sequence was incorporated into the Substitute Sequence Listing of the parent application as SEQ ID NO:5.

This amendment also provides for the insertion of the sequence identifier, SEQ ID NO:5, for the identical sequences on page 25, lines 7 and 17, as requested by the Examiner in the Office Communication of August 17, 2006, as well as that of April 27, 2006.

Applicants request entry of this amendment in adherence with 37 C.F.R. §§1.821 to 1.825. This amendment is accompanied by a floppy disk containing the above named sequences, SEQ ID NOS:1-5, in computer readable form, and a paper copy of the sequence information which has been printed from the floppy disk.

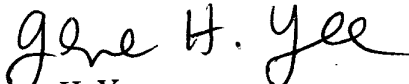
The information contained in the computer readable disk was prepared through the use of the software program "FastSEQ" and is identical to that of the paper copy. This amendment contains no new matter.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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